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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT - AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AFFAIRS

TO: EA - MR. RICHARD HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/ANZ - FRANK C. BENNETT, JR.

AUSTRALIA

1. AMB RENOUF'S CALL ON YOU. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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WE ARE PREPARING A SUMMARY OF YOUR CONVERSATION YESTERDAY
WITH AMBASSADOR RENOUF AND WILL ALSO BE DOING A MEMCON OF
HIS CONVERSATION WITH UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM TODAY. THE
AMBASSADOR HAS MADE THE ROUNDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OVER THE
PAST TEN DAYS IN PREPARATION FOR HIS UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS
IN CANBERRA.

2. DILLINGHAM CASE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

DILLINGHAM'S WASHINGTON LAWYER HAS ADVISED THAT HIS CLIENT HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED CONFLICTING INFORMATION FROM SOURCES WITHIN AUSTRALIA ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR A FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF THE FIRM'S CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION

OF ITS EXPROPRIATED MINING INTEREST. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY CANBERRA HAD INDICATIONS THAT WE MIGHT HAVE SOME WORD ON A GOA DECISION LAST WEEK, THIS HAS APPARENTLY NOT OCCURED.

NEW ZEALAND

3. ANZUS OFFICIALS MEETING. (CONFIDENTIAL)

AS AMB RENOUF MENTIONED TO YOU DURING HIS CALL, THERE HAS BEEN SOME PRESSURE FROM NEW ZEALAND FOR AN ANZUS OFFICIALS' MEETING BEFORE THE NEXT MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE 1979. HOWEVER, HE IS AWARE THAT WE DO NOT SEE THE NECESSITY OF SUCH A MEETING AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF THE MANY HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES SINCE LAST JUNE. THE SUGGESTION THAT A SPECIAL ANZUS MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE TAKE PLACE DURING THE UNGA WAS A WELCOME ONE WHICH WE ARE PURSUING.

4. NEW ZEALAND ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS. (UNCLASSIFIED)
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WE HAVE RECEIVED CLEARANCES FROM EVERYONE EXCEPT COMMERCE ON A PROPOSAL TO HOLD OUR ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS WITH NEW ZEALAND IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 29. DAS HORMATS WILL HEAD THE U.S. SIDE. YY

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